Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, We must increase the public's awareness of scoliosis and help children, parents, adults, and health care providers understand, recognize, and treat the complexities of spinal deformities such as Scoliosis; and,

Whereas, Scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine, with no known cause (idiopathic), is a condition affecting two to three percent of the population, or an estimated seven million people in the United States. Scoliosis is a condition which strikes without regard to gender, race, age, or economic status; and,

Whereas, An estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize health care yearly, with approximately one of every six children being diagnosed with this condition eventually being required to receive active medical treatment; and,

Whereas, The primary age of onset for scoliosis is between ten and fifteen with females being five times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and,

Whereas, Screening programs allow for early detection and for treatment opportunities which may alleviate the worst effects of the condition; and,

Whereas, We will observe National Scoliosis Awareness Month to renew our commitment to raising awareness of and combating the spinal condition of Scoliosis and to recognize the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering it causes:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 2012 as

SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State